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SUBJ: U.S. POSITION SOVIET DISSIDENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: OUR USINFO, MARCH 22, 1977

1. MARCH 15 ISSUE OF ITTEFAQ, BD LEADING NEWSPAPER WITH  
LARGEST CIRCULATION (APPROX. 125,000), CARRIED ARTICLE  
BY ONE ANDREI PETROV DEFENDING SOVIET POSITION ON HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND CRITICIZING WESTERN NEWS MEDIA FOR RAISING THE  
ISSUE (SEE REFTEL).

2. POST BELIEVES IT COULD PLACE ARTICLE WITH ITTEFAQ  
COUNTERING SOVIET CLAIMS AND PLACING ISSUE IN PROPER  
PERSPECTIVE. CAN AGENCY SEND ARTICLE FOR PUBLICATION  
GIVING U.S. POSITION ON DISSIDENCE IN USSR AND EASTERN  
EUROPE, WITH POSSIBLE REFERENCES TO STUDIES BY AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL AND SIMILAR GROUPS, AND INCLUDING SUMMARY  
OF AMERICAN POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS?

3. IOP BACKGROUND PACKET ON ISSUE WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL  
FOR MISSION ORIENTATION.

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4. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF ITTEFAQ ARTICLE: PETROV  
STATES THAT ONE EXPERT WHO CARRIED OUT RESEARCH ON THE ROLE  
OF PSYCHOLOGY AS A MEDIUM OF PROPAGANDA AGAINST SOCIALISM  
SAYS THAT THIS HAS DEVELOPED IN THE WESTERN WORLD DUE TO  
IGNORANCE ABOUT SOCIALIST LIFE. THERE IS NO NEED FOR  
STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AS THE SOVIET  
SOCIETY IS FREE FROM CLASS-STRUGGLE, MONOPOLY OF ASSETS,

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN, INEQUALITY, UNEMPLOYMENT  
AND OTHER VICES OF CAPITALISM, PETROV CONCLUDES.

5. ARTICLE CONTAINUES THAT OBSERVERS IN MOSCOW BELIEVE  
WESTERN MEDIA IS USING THE SOVIET DISSIDENTS TO ACHIEVE  
SOME OTHER MOTIVES, APART FROM CONCEALING THE FAULTS OF  
THEIR OWN SOCIETY. FIRST, THEY WANT TO FOIL THE IMPLI-  
MENTATION OF THE HELSINKI ACCORD AND DETENTE BY CAUSING  
SUSPICIONS AMONG NATIONS. SECOND, THEY WANT TO USE THE  
SOVIET DISSIDENTS FOR BARGAINING DURING NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
THE SOVIET UNION. THIRD, THEY WANT TO POISON THE ATMOSPHERE  
BEFORE THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN  
BELGRADE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE HELSINKI ACCORD. FOURTH, THEY  
HOPE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO CAUSE DISUNITY AMONG WESTERN  
SOCIALSEZ AND COMMUNIST PARTIES THROUGH THIS PROPAGANDA.  
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